(c) the details of bank's lending programme to India for 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) The Indian Development Forum Meeting was held on 29th & 30th June, 1995 in Paris to discuss aid requirements of the country. The meeting of bilateral and multilateral donors took place on 29th June, 1995 where India's development partners pledged $6.9 billion including $2.8 billion by the World Bank as official development assistance for the year 1995-96. The second day of the meeting was devoted to an interaction with potential investors on this year's theme "Private Sector Investment in infrastructurc-an enabling environment". The meeting provided a forum for Government to elaborate upon the recent initiatives taken to facilitate private sector entry in the area of infrastructure. The deliberations also provided a unique opportunity to Government togather the perspectives of potential investors on how far the recent policy changes have succeeded in creating the required environment for private sector participation in infrastructure development. Overall, the meeting confirmed keen private investor interest with regard to the investment opportunities available in the country in the infrastructure sector. The details of the lending programme, however, are not discussed at the meetings. Such details are negotiated with the donor institution separately.

Development of Tourjst Potential of Eastern States

221. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps during the 8th plan to develop the untapped tourist potential in the Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, (state-wise); and

(c) the specific steps proposed to be taken during the 9th Plan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statcwise amount sanctioned for creations of tourist facilities in the eastern states during the first three years of 8th five year plan i.e. 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 are given as follows:—

	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
BIHAR	
1992-93	54.41
1993-94	53.63
1994-95	112.12
ORISSA	
1992-93	72.37
1993-94	101.52
1994-95	166.31
SIKKIM	
1992-93	49.12
1993-94	130.89
1994-95	No proposal was received
WEST BENGAL	
1992-93	94.10
1993-94	167.30
1994-95	92.91

(c) The 9th Plan proposals will be formulated on the basis of the Tourism sector requirement and the financial resources available.